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Cyprus talks mooted for June 15

VIENNA, April 8 (R). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim hopes to arrange a new round of Cyprus communal talks in Vienna starting on June 15, diplomatic sources said today. Whether the timetable can be maintained depends on progress in detailed discussions between Greek and Turkish community negotiators in Nicosia next month, the sources said. U.N. officials canvassed the June 15 date when the two communities ended seven days of negotiations in Vienna yesterday. Mr. Waldheim attended the start of the Vienna talks last week, and plans to return here in June, the sources said. Conference officials said the Vienna negotiators would meet in Nicosia between May 5-15.

U.S. in dark over Morocco

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — The United States was not informed beforehand of the despatch of Moroccan troops to help Zaire government forces fight insurgents in copper-rich Shaba Province, the State Department said today. A State Department spokesman said the United States had not proposed the despatch of the Moroccan troops and was not told in advance of the Moroccan decision. Morocco's armed forces use some U.S. equipment and also receive training in the United States. The Moroccan government would need U.S. permission to use this equipment in Zaire. "We've had no such request," the spokesman said.

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Rightists lose ground in battle for key south Lebanon villages

BEIRUT, April 8 (R). — Renewed fighting was reported to have broken out from southern Lebanon as rightist forces have been battling Palestinian and Lebanese units for control of key villages.

A spokesman for the rightist Phalangist Party gave the admission from his aide that rightist forces had lost strategic hilltop village of which their opponents claimed to have seized on Tuesday. Taybeh is near the Lebanese-Israeli border.

The spokesman also admitted the loss of another village, but he also said there was no possibility the Palestinians and leftists could get to the nearby rightist stronghold of Marjayoun.

Palestinian-leftist military commander in Khyam revealed that the Palestinian leadership had ordered its command forces in Lebanon's south to break up the "dirty belt" formed by Israeli-backed rightists along the border with Israel.

The disclosure was made by Captain Nabil Moussa, commander of the leftist-Palestinian forces which stormed the village overlooking Is- yesterday.

The political leadership has in a decision to break up security belt along the Israeli border," Captain Moussa said. As he spoke, his words were punctuated by the crash-heavy calibre shells fired from positions inside Israel and nearby rightist-held Marjayoun.

The order still stands," the spokesman said, adding that it was in last Thursday when rightist forces overran the town of Taybeh.

The captain's statement was first official confirmation of the present Palestinian-leftist offensive in the south was led by the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organisation — almost certainly in consultation with Syria and other Arab governments.

While it was captured by the Phalangists and leftists, Khyam, a strategic town, was held by rightist-held towns, along the Qleif'a to the west and Marjayoun to the north. All over the Israeli border.

Khyam's army barracks, taken last night in fierce fighting, commands a field of view stretching from the ancient Beaufort Crusader castle to Israeli fire-point on the steep Syrian Golan Heights.

Correspondents taken on a tour of the newly-captured town today could clearly hear all batteries near Metulla and up, joining artillery and mortar fire from rightist positions in Marjayoun. Shells landed on the area around Khyam at the rate of two per minute.

Fort Castle, some 10 kms. to the north, commanding the valley of the River Litani, also came under shelling. It is not clear how close the links between rightist forces in south Lebanon and Israel have grown since the takeover by a disarmed Khyam of captured weapons, ammunition and food supplies — including cans of tinned food.

Correspondents were also shown the mortar shells with Arabic markings. Israel's support of the rightist forces is apparently aimed at creating a security belt along the Israeli border — but the border is frayed with the news of Taybeh and Khyam.

From here, the Palestinians and their leftwing comrades-in-arms can cut the road between Marjayoun and Qleif'a, and shelling from Israeli artillery and mortar fire. Daytime movement between



ARMED WATCH -- A patrol of heavily armed Israeli border guards (right) watches a group of Christian pilgrims go past along the Via Dolorosa in the old city of Jerusalem carrying a heavy wooden cross during the Good Friday procession. (AP wirephoto).

Geneva without Palestinians will be "null and void", Arafat says in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 8 (R). — PLO leader Yasser Arafat was quoted today as saying a Middle East solution would be "null and void" without the participation of the Palestinian people.

Mr. Arafat made the statement in an interview with the official Soviet Tass news agency issued only a day after he met Communist Party chief Leonid Brezhnev and received assurance of continued Soviet backing for the Palestinian cause.

"Any solution to the Palestinian problem, adopted behind the back of the Palestinians, and without their participation, will be null and void," said Mr. Arafat, who heads the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The meeting with Mr. Brezhnev was "of historic importance and results will undoubtedly favourably affect future developments," he was quoted as saying.

In his interview today, Mr. Arafat thanked the Soviet Union for its support of the Palestinian liberation movement.

"The Arabs and the Palestinians highly appreciate and will never forget Soviet economic, military and other aid and support," he said.

Mr. Arafat flew into Moscow on Monday at the head of a powerful Palestinian commando delegation, apparently to seek clarification of Mr. Brezhnev's Middle East proposals, outlined in a speech three weeks ago. Mr. Arafat returned to Damascus today.

In Beirut the Palestinian immediate border area, the sources said. The military sources said Israel's policy was to silence fire when "Israel's territory was threatened."

Non-aligned states stress economics

NEW DELHI, April 8 (R). — Political and economic Committee of the Coordinating Bureau of Non-aligned States today considered a draft communique which conference sources said concentrated on economic affairs and was milder on some previous non-aligned political stands.

The five-day meeting of the 25-member bureau opened here yesterday. The sources said the draft devoted 17 pages to economic affairs and 10 pages to political matters.

The emphasis of the political part of the draft is again on Southern Africa, and it strongly condemned the white minority governments in South Africa and Rhodesia, they said. But the sources said the political draft is a much milder document than the declaration issued after the Colombo summit conference of non-aligned nations last August.

It makes no reference to the Colombo call for an oil embargo against France and Israel for supplying arms to South Africa, the sources said. The embargo was never put into effect.

Draft resolutions on the Middle East, Cyprus, Indochina and Latin America are similar to those approved in Colombo but less detailed, they said.

Rabin's resignation threatens Israel with constitutional crisis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 8 (R). — Israeli leaders plunged into crisis talks today on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's wish to relinquish office because of illegal bank accounts he and his wife maintained abroad.

One issue today was that of who would lead the dominant Labour Party in general elections on May 17. Adherents of Defence Minister Shimon Peres were particularly active in lobbying.

Even more immediate problems, however, were those of the leadership between now and the election and of just how Mr. Rabin, 55, could fulfil his wish to lay down office at once.

Israeli law forbids a caretaker premier resigning — and Mr. Rabin has been just that since Dec. 21, when he gave President Ephraim Katzir his cabinet's resignation so as to go to the country in May.

Observers in the Lebanese capital said it would amount to a significant change in Soviet policy on Middle East peace talks such as the proposed re-convened Geneva Middle East peace conference.

Previously, the Soviets had indicated that the Geneva conference — which met briefly and inconclusively — should initially form without the PLO.

Qaisuni back in Cairo from Gulf tour with \$1.5b in the bag

CAIRO, April 8 (R). — Egyptian Deputy Premier for Economic Affairs, Dr. Abdul Moniem Qaisuni returned here from Kuwait today with assurances that at least part of Egypt's chronic economic problems would be solved.

In a 13-day tour of Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Kuwait, Dr. Qaisuni was able to reach an agreement whereby the four countries would make available to Egypt \$1.5 billion to solve the problem of short-term loans and banking facilities.

The sum was originally part of the two billion dollars set by the four countries in a special fund to help strengthen the Egyptian economy which Egypt was supposed to use over five years. \$600 million were provided to Egypt earlier.

Dr. Qaisuni said on arrival that both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia had agreed to postpone claiming their deposits in Egyptian banks totalling \$389 and \$408 million respectively.

In an interview published in today's semi-official Cairo daily Al-Ahram Dr. Qaisuni said he and his aides were confronted with four different kinds of loans at the beginning of the year which needed a solution.

The proposed resolution on Korea calls for withdrawal of all foreign troops from South Korea, termination of the United Nations command and peaceful reunification of the country without outside interference.

But it drops the Colombo declaration's "deep concern over the grave situation in Korea created by the imperialists... in which a war may break out at any moment" and the reference to nuclear weapons.

The draft notes the recent statement by United States President Carter that the U.S. and the Soviet Union had agreed to consider demilitarisation in the Indian Ocean.

It stresses the non-aligned stand for a truly independent foreign policy and a commitment not to get involved in great power rivalry, the sources said.

On economic affairs, the draft says there has been little or no improvement in the situation of developing countries since the Colombo summit.

It expresses deep disappointment and concern over the lack of progress at the north-south talks in Paris between developed and developing countries and over the follow-up by developed countries to the fourth United Nations Conference

today, presumably seeking some formula whereby he would keep his title but — perhaps taking leave of absence — no longer carry out the job.

Informed sources later said he would not tell the caretaker cabinet how he planned to step down until Monday, while a presidential spokesman said only that they had discussed Mr. Rabin's discharging his functions as prime minister until after the elections.

In political circles it was felt that no way had yet been found round the legal obstacle and that no consensus had been reached on a new, interim leader.

Mr. Rabin's decision sent leaders of his Labour Party into hurried consultations on a successor to lead it in the elections.

Mr. Peres lost a party leadership ballot of 3,000 delegates by only 41 votes to Mr. Rabin last month.

Today he saw leaders of the leftwing Mapam group, a small but important component of the Labour Alignment which threatened to withdraw from alliance with the Labour Party if Mr. Peres were to head it.

There were reports that Deputy Premier Yigal Allon, who is also foreign minister, would challenge Mr. Peres for the direction of the party when the Labour Central Committee meets to discuss the issue on Sunday.

Opposition leaders said Mr. Rabin's resignation showed that the entire scandal-plagued Labour movement should be ousted from office. It has ruled Israel since the creation

of the state in 1948. Mr. Rabin's decision to leave office, announced last night, followed recommendations by the attorney-general's office that his wife Leah face an official inquiry, and possible prosecution, for keeping foreign currency accounts in the United States.

Mr. Rabin was ambassador to the U.S. when the accounts were opened but they should have been closed some years ago.

Informed sources said Mr. Rabin might also face some sort of prosecution if he waives parliamentary immunity, as he has indicated he wishes to do, in solidarity with his wife. She married the accounts.

The finance ministry says the Rabin accounts stood at \$21,000 when Mr. Rabin ended his five-year term in Washington. It appeared there were only about \$2,000 left when the existence of the accounts became known.

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Mr. Yigal Allon



Mr. Shimon Peres

Washington "confident" that Rabin's resignation will not impede M.E. talks

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — The United States said today it had complete confidence Israel would continue to participate actively and fully in the search for Middle East peace following the sudden resignation of Premier Yitzhak Rabin.

"We have complete confidence that Israel will continue to participate actively and fully towards peace in the Middle East," State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said.

"We do not expect this search to be interrupted by the workings of the democratic process in Israel."

He made his statement to reporters shortly after Israeli Ambassador Simcha Dinitz called on Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and relayed the circumstances of Mr. Rabin's resignation.

Mr. Dinitz told reporters that the meeting, which lasted one hour, had been arranged before Mr. Rabin announced last night that he was quitting politics over the issue of illegal bank accounts he and his wife maintained abroad.

Mr. Carter, the department spokesman, said the United States had close and friendly relations with Mr. Rabin's government "and we fully expect these relations will exist with the next government."

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U.S. can't see PLO role in M.E. talks until it recognises Israel

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — White House Press Secretary Jody Powell said today the United States still saw no constructive role for the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Middle East peace talks as long as it refused to recognise Israel's right to exist.

He made his remark when asked at a press briefing to comment on a statement by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat here this week that the PLO was becoming more responsible.

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Crack Moroccan troops dispatched to "evict mercenaries" from Zaire

RABAT, April 8 (R). — Morocco confirmed today that it is sending an expeditionary force to Zaire to "evict mercenaries who have invaded its territory."

No indication was given of the size of the force. But crack troops from King Hassan's 90,000-strong armed forces are already being airlifted and the vanguard was due in Kinshasa today.

Foreign Minister Hamed Laraki announced Morocco's decision in a message to M. Edem Kodja, Foreign Minister of Togo and current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Council of Ministers.

Dr. Laraki said one of the OAU's principal missions was to "safeguard and consolidate the independence and sovereignty... as well as the territorial integrity" of African states and to combat subversive activity by one state in another.

Dr. Laraki referred to the bloody disorders that swept Zaire — then the Congo — in

1960, when Moroccan troops formed part of a United Nations peace-keeping force. He said that 17 years later "Africa's heart is bleeding again as a result of repeated blows of aggression perpetrated from outside."

Morocco "is convinced that the cause of peace in Africa is indivisible, and in answering the appeal of the president of the Zaire republic by placing immediately at his disposal a contingent of the Royal Moroccan Armed Forces, with a view to defending the national unity and territorial integrity of the country, it hopes to contribute to circumventing the problem in a strictly African framework," he said.

Zaire's President Mobutu has accused Angola and Cuba of backing the invasion of Shaba province — formerly Katanga — which began last month. They have denied this.

The invaders are former Katangese gendarmes — men who supported the late Moise Tshombe, who led an attempt to secede in the 1960s.

Kinshasa Radio today broadcast the text of a message by President Mobutu to the OAU, Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, Prime Minister of Mauritius.

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Kenneth Winsor: From Alia pilot to aerial sculptor

By Irene Ramadan

Special to the Jordan Times

When you have been flying all your life, you can't easily forget the frenzy of almost reaching the sun. And even if you come back down to earth, you will go on living in the upper circles... This is the case of Kenneth Winsor, a former Alia pilot, who now -- at the age of 62 -- lives between the blue sky -- as a dreamer -- and the brown clay -- as a sculptor.

INSPIRATION

Kenneth Winsor started his full time artistic life six years ago when he retired. Before, while a pilot, he used to make sculptures in his spare time. He developed this talent long ago when he was studying architecture in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During World War II he became a pilot, but never forgot his first love and his childhood dream: to model bronze and stone.

KENNETH WINSOR is a rare example of a former pilot in Alia turned sculptor. For him, retirement from aviation marked the beginning of an artistic career. During a recent stay in Amman, the Jordan Times met him to find out what he really is: An expert pilot, hiding a frustrated sculptor or an artist who -- inadvertently -- passed by the cockpit? In fact Kenneth Winsor is skilful on board as well as with his chisels. We also discovered that he had brought with him a small, rough sculpture representing Daedalus and Icarus, which will probably rise up somewhere in Amman.

sonality and be highly intellectual to start an artistic career at the third age. Mr. Winsor is a person of that calibre. So when he stopped flying, this American pilot chose to settle in Pietra Santa, an ancient town in Italy near Pisa, which is the centre of the marble and bronze craft industry. Michaelangelo used to come to this town to buy his marble. The town is also renowned for its craftsmen, who know the secret of the profession like no other person.

Kenneth Winsor lives with his wife in an old 14th century farm-house. Part of it constitutes his workshop.

AERIAL SCULPTURES

As for the small rough sculpture representing Daedalus and Icarus, it was on view in the office of Alia's head, Mr. Ali Ghandour.

The idea of elan is expressed through it. Daedalus extends his hand to Icarus, who is storming through the air with his shining helmet and wings spread. Kenneth Winsor explained how he interpreted the legend:

"Even if we have a fantastic idea, it must be well controlled. If not, we can get into serious trouble, like Icarus, the highly spontaneous and ambitious man who flew so near the sun, that the wax holding his wings together melted and he drowned in the sea. In my sculpture Daedalus, who symbolises the experienced and practical mind, is extending his hand to Icarus to try and get him out of that fatal fall."

This sculptor conceived another ingenious aerial sculpture for the Flying Carpet in Smel-

lant. It shows two stylised be-douins sailing on a half-moon.

HAPPY FORMS

Mr. Winsor, who makes figurative as well as abstract sculptures, also speaks of the way he feels the material:

"You can master bronze well and express through it light feelings and delicate shapes. Stone fits bulkier creations. Anyhow, as an architect I am primarily preoccupied with well-balanced forms."

"For me, an abstract work is a meticulous treatment of lines, volumes and textures. And not just the free expression of my mind. I find it much more interesting to face an architectural problem and to have to solve it as a sculptor."

"With bronze, I feel like capturing the essence and the rhythm of an idea, a face or a place."

Mr. Winsor also said that most artists sit and dream, but he himself has no time for dreaming. In fact, he has been dreaming all his life. And all his sculptures are light, aerial and happy with a metaphysical touch added. He could be called a "spacial expressive artist."

This sculptor prefers to lighten and beautify life. Between his hands a piece of rock becomes a floating cloud, clear water pouring from a fountain or a delicate interplay of male and female.

SOUTH KOREAN COMPANIES DUE FOR PHOSPHATE NEGOTIATIONS

AMMAN (R). -- Representatives of six major South Korean fertilizer companies will come here April 15 to study the possibility of buying phosphates from this country.

South Korean Ambassador Sang Yung Sob said that if they reported favourably on price and quality, it was hoped to buy at least JD 330,000 worth a year.

This would help redress the trade imbalance between the two countries, he explained. Last year, Jordan's imports from South Korea totalled JD 3.6 million, but there was virtually no trade in the opposite direction.

Next month Prince Hassan will visit Seoul to discuss prospects of South Korean assistance for the five-year plan, the ambassador said.

Police meet starts today

RIYADH, April 8 (JNA). -- The fifth conference of Arab public security directors and police leaders starts here today.

The participants will discuss a number of subjects concerning police affairs and means of curbing crime.

Jordan's delegation arrived here yesterday evening headed by Public Security Director Maj.-Gen. Ghazi Arabiyat. He was received upon arrival by Maj.-Gen. Mohammad Ibn Hikal, the Public Security Director of Riyadh and head of the Saudi delegation to the conference.



You may see this in Amman soon -- former Alia pilot Kenneth Winsor's "Daedalus and Icarus" sculpture.

Arab agriculture mee urges super-council

ALEXANDRIA, April 8 (JNA).

A seminar on Arab agricultural and economic integration has called for the establishment of an Arab agriculture and food council to include officials entrusted with planning, financing and implementing development projects. It also called for the formation of joint Arab marketing councils to advise on and direct the exchange of products and to channel the surplus to needy Arab markets.

The seminar, organised by the Council of Arab Economic Unity in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organisation, also recommended that Arab development and investment funds should provide the necessary financial help to the Palestinian people in the occu-

pled Arab lands to help the foil Israeli attempts to destroy agriculture in the region.

The seminar, which started its meetings here last Saturday, called on Arab states to use their water resources efficiently, modernise their irrigation systems and use subterranean water.

It also called on the Council of Arab Economic Unity to undertake exploratory studies of Arab agricultural development up to the year 2000 in cooperation with the pertinent regional and international organizations.

Finally, the seminar recommended that more attention be given to the development of animal wealth and pastures, increasing fodder production, exploiting fish wealth, developing fishing methods and setting up fish canning and freezing industries.

The seminar was attended by representatives from Jordan, Egypt, Iraq, Palestine, Kuwait, Libya, North Yemen and Morocco -- in addition to delegates from specialised Arab and international organisations, Arab banks and development funds and a number of agricultural experts.



Kenneth Winsor, former Alia pilot, stands by his aerial sculpture depicting the legendary Daedalus and Icarus.

Housing seminar opens here today

AMMAN (JNA). -- His Highness Prince Hassan Saturday morning opens a seminar on housing in the Arab World with the participation of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Egypt, Sudan, Libya, South Yemen and Palestine.

This one-week seminar is organised by the Arab Engineers Union to discuss housing problems and come up with the right solutions.

The Director General of the Housing Corporation, Mr. Hamdallah Nabulsi, explained that participants will try to reach a practical solution by providing low-cost housing units.

He said that the seminar will draw up detailed studies for developing poor quarters in Arab cities and will also discuss the possibility of introducing prefabrication to save time and money.

The participating delegations presented a total of 35 research papers -- of which eight by Jordan.

Jordan's delegation includes, in addition to Mr. Nabulsi, President of the Engineers Association Ibrahim Abu Ayash; Rafi Nijem; Rawhi Al Sharif; Tareq Bushneq; Hatem Gbumeim; Awad Al Tal; Bassam Abu Ghazaleh; Ghaleb Bq'een; Shabin Shahin; Sabri Farah; Rafiq Al M'asher; Hisham Nuseibeh; Bassam Atari and Ibrahim Ad-daqaq.

Stamp exhibit to be held for Silver Jubilee

AMMAN (JNA). -- Minister of Communications Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh Friday said that his ministry will organise an exhibition of Jordanian commemorative stamps. The date will be fixed later.

The exhibition is to be held as part of the festivities for His Majesty King Hussein's silver jubilee. All philatelists will be able to display their private collections at the exhibition, the minister added.

A meeting will be held at the Ministry of Communications Monday, when local philatelists will discuss the organisation of the exhibit.

The ministry is in the process of setting up a permanent stamp exhibition to enable Jordanians and foreigners alike to review the country's progress, Mr. Al Rawabdeh said.

The ministry has also started a campaign to support Jordanian stamps and improve their quality and marketing potential, Mr. Al Rawabdeh concluded.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian filis for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

U.K. sterling	571.0	577.0
U.S. dollar	331.0	333.0
German mark	139.1	139.5
French franc	66.8	67.0
Swiss franc	130.9	131.3
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.4	37.6
Saudi riyal	93.6	93.8
Lebanese pound	109.4	109.6
Syrian pound	81.8	82.0
Iraqi dinar	942.0	950.0
Kuwaiti dinar	1,150.0	1,155.0
Libyan dinar	800.0	820.0
Egyptian pound	470.0	471.0
UAE dirham	85.2	85.5

DEC. '76 EXPORTS TO SAUDI ARABIA JUMP 47%

AMMAN (JNA). -- Jordan's exports to Saudi Arabia last December reached JD 613,000 in comparison with JD 418,000 during the same month of 1975 -- an increase of 47 per cent.

Jordan's imports in December amounted to JD 494,000, an 18 per cent increase over the 1975 figure of JD 418,000.

Main exports included vegetables, fruit, cigarettes, ready-made clothing, medicine and plastic, while crude petroleum topped the import list.

DEC. '76 EXPORTS TO KUWAIT JUMP 147% IMPORTS 82%

AMMAN (JNA). -- Exports to Kuwait in December 1976 jumped 147 per cent as compared to the same period in 1975, while imports increased 82 per cent.

Figures released by the Department of Statistics Thursday show that exports in December 1976 totalled JD472,000 against JD191,000 in December 1975.

Imports reached JD 60,000 in December 1976 as against JD 33,000 in 1975.

Main exports consisted of vegetables, fruit and cigarettes, while imports were mainly fertilisers and sulphuric acid.

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Taiwanese photographer uses "collage" technique to improve his subject's background

By Lina Gress

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To an expert on photography, a trip to the tropical mountains of Taiwan is like a continuous display of scenery exposed at different angles and focussed through a variety of lenses.

The artist, Guo Yi from the Republic of China, exhibits to his viewers some Taiwanese scenery produced by special photographic skill.

The artist's particular technique is "super-imposition" or a sort of "collage". The artist may not like the natural surroundings of an object he has already photographed but prefers to see it in a different atmosphere. He achieves this by hiding the original background and superimposing its place scenery he prefers. He

then rephotographs the supplemented picture.

Consequently the viewer shares the artist's subjective conception of a scene regardless of how it actually looks in reality.

The artist has told the story of some of the photographs which illustrate his technique.

The overpowering Pagoda, with all the mysticism that surrounds it, emerges unaffected by "the feeling of coming rain and fog over the mountain and valley" artificially mounted to serve as a background for the Pagoda.

In a similar way, the theme of another photograph is not destroyed by making the village overlook a river which actually comes from a different part of the country and by placing sbacks, depicting farm life, on the other side of the river.

Some of the scenery is pur-

posely presented out of focus to give the effect of a water colour painting rather than a photograph.

In the other scene a different photographic technique is applied to attain the effect of an old traditional Chinese painting.

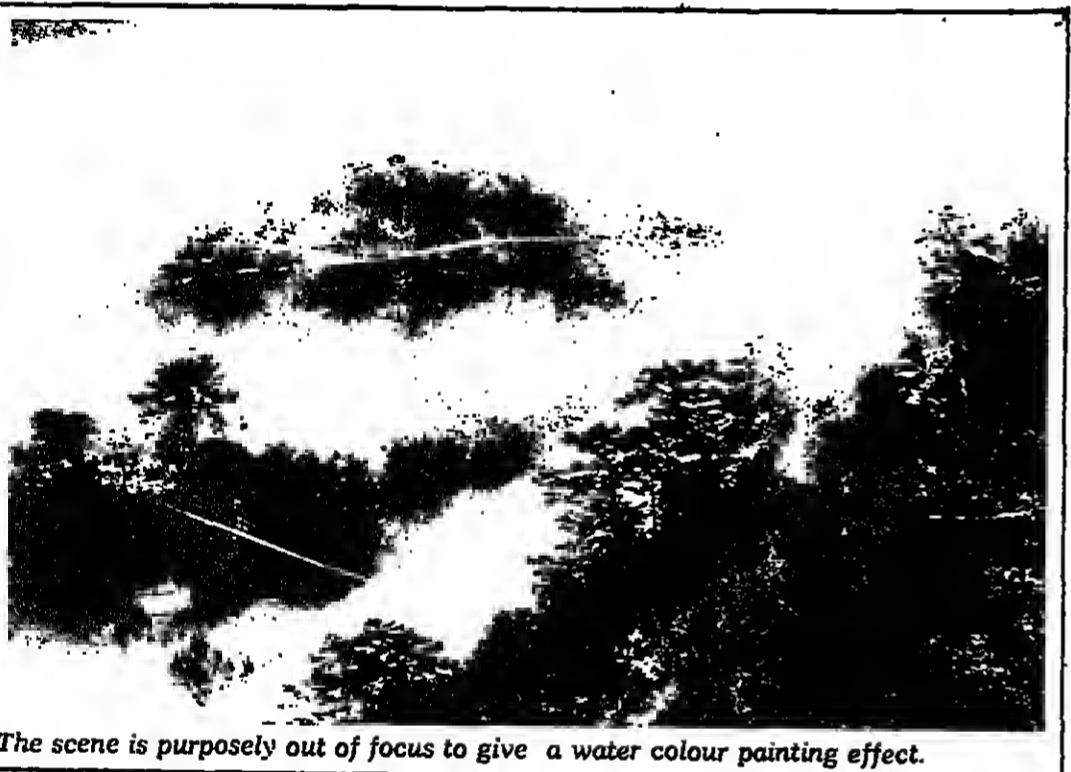
The artist sometimes uses just a filter to enhance the wonders of the "Valley of the Moon" with its petrified porous rock, the result of erosion.

Leaving the viewer to admire nature through his photographic lenses, Guo Yi retires, while cherishing a total of 80 award plaques granted to him by various countries. He is also the recipient of the Republic of China's highest medal, awarded to him in 1975.

Guo Yi held exhibitions of his photographs in several countries of the Far East and Europe as well as the United States.



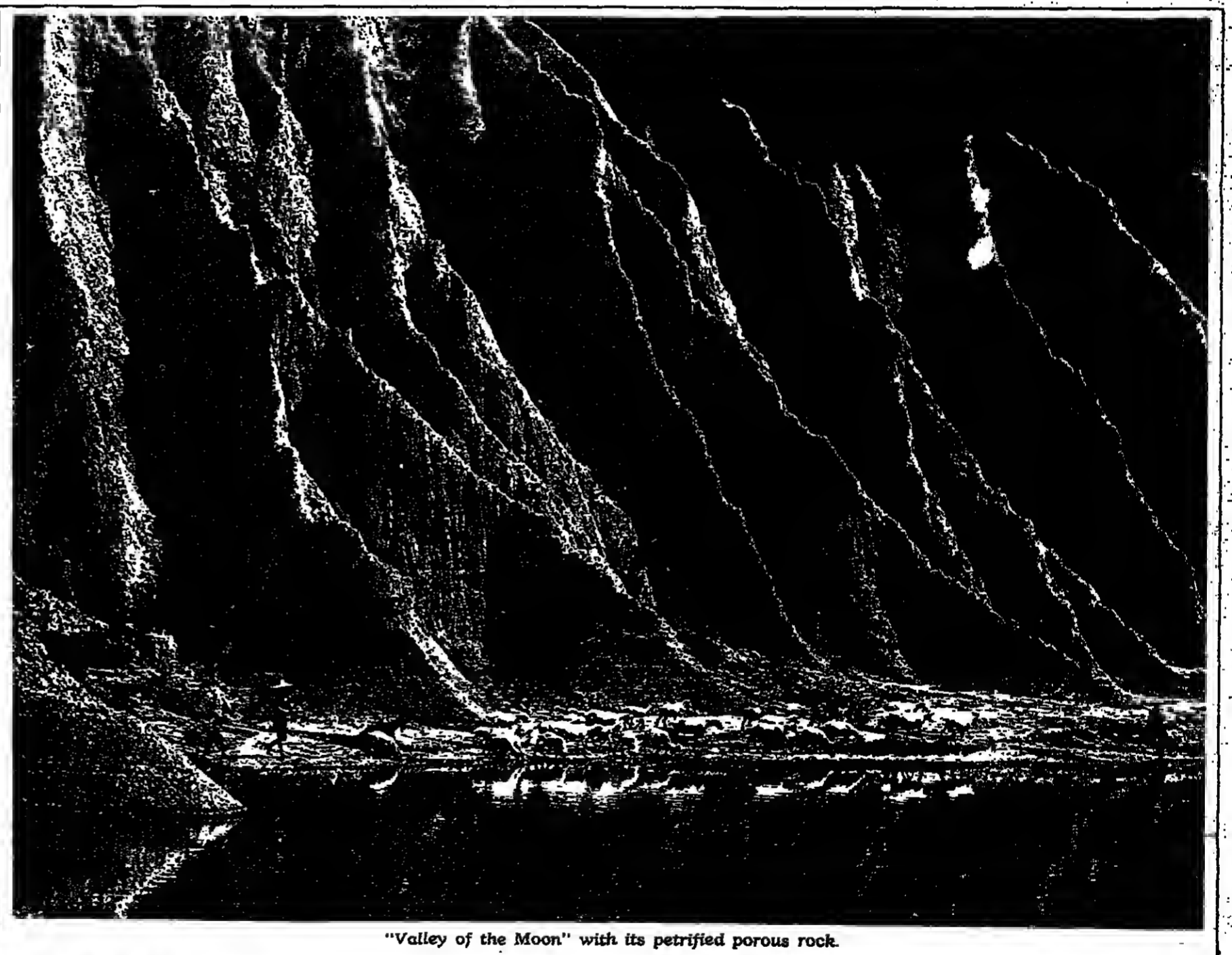
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Mystical Pagoda emerges in a mountain scene amidst fog and mist.



"Valley of the Moon" with its petrified porous rock.

Lack of guidelines for claims to high seas complicates future hopes of agreement

NEW YORK, N. Y. (CSM). — On what used to be the great, open, high seas, a world scramble for resources is under way.

Although reminiscent on a global scale of the U.S. gold rushes of the 19th century, the consequences are sure to be vastly more far-reaching.

Quietly, without waiting for the drawn-out intricacies of international agreement, coastal nations have thrust their claims far out into the waters off their shores.

Very little unrestricted fishing is left within 200 miles of anybody's coastline. In the past three months alone, vast swaths of ocean have been brought under such restrictions by the United States (March 1), the Soviet Union (Dec. 10), and Canada (Jan. 1).

Within a couple of years, the globe's open fishing areas have been nearly halved -- with potentially devastating effects for densely populated countries like Japan, which depends heavily on fishing in foreign waters.

The average Japanese eats ten times as much fish as an American. His "kamaboko," a fish cake made from Alaska o鳧ck, already is soaring in price. His "poor man's protein" is in danger of becoming a rich man's delicacy.

Ecuador, Peru, and Chile have long claimed complete territorial control (as opposed to fishing control) 200 miles out to sea. Today, however, 10 countries have abruptly pushed their territorial claims out the full 200 miles.

are African or Latin American countries.

The traditional three-mile territorial sea control has become a minority enclave for holdouts such as the United States, Britain, West Germany, and Japan. The great majority has moved to 12 miles or many more. Further extensions of territorial or fishery limits have been occurring almost daily.

This vast seaward shift of national claims has not yet sunk the United Nations' labourious law of the sea conference. The representatives of more than 70 countries are meeting privately in Geneva to try to resolve the pivotal dispute over deep-sea mineral-mining. The full conference is due to reopen here in New York in May.

But the free-for-all proliferation of claims has sharply reduced the incentive which prompted coastal nations to negotiate the "law of the sea" in the first place.

"Most of the coastal states have gone out and grabbed what they really wanted," says one official.

Like other major maritime nations, the U.S. draws a sharp distinction between simply extending fisheries jurisdiction and the far more drastic step of extending territorial limits.

The latter introduces concepts of national sovereignty, including the least theoretical restrictions on rights of passage by both commercial and military vessels. (Oil and gas on the continental shelf is already claimed by many coastal states under present international law.)

Nonetheless, such important distinctions can get lost as one extension feeds upon another, producing a snowball effect.

As a result, numerous conflicts of overlapping jurisdic-

tions now have to be sorted out all around the globe.

Although a temporary arrangement has been made between the U.S. and Canada, for instance, major differences remain over fishing rights on the prolific St. Georges Banks off New England and Nova Scotia. The Soviet Union and Norway are haggling over fishing rights in the Barents Sea. Japan is deeply concerned lest its dispute with the Soviet Union over the Kurile Islands be further complicated.

As for the prickly problem of American-Cuban relations, the U.S. has carefully drawn its southern fishery limits along a line equidistant between the two countries. This also will have to be tied down by eventual agreement, although no negotiations currently are under way.

The few major coastal states which have not yet greatly expanded either their territorial or fishery limits include Australia, China, and India. The Indian Parliament, however, already has passed enabling legislation for a 200-mile "economic zone," such as is likely to emerge from any law of the sea agreement.

Many national claims would not fit at all into any conceivable law of the sea treaty. For instance, African and Latin American nations -- which have made huge territorial claims out to sea -- would almost certainly have to pull back. Instead they would only be able to exert narrow authority in the "economic zone." Many national fishery regulations, too, would have to be adjusted -- including those of the U.S.

With each new national fait accompli, the chances for a law of the sea success are further eroded.



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GOREN BRIDGE

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ASK OMAR

I've heard people talk out the "Rule of Eleven." I'm not sure exactly how works. Could you explain please?—J. Peters, Oklahoma City, Okla. This question has been asked the weekly prize.)

Q.—With best defense, can you defeat four hearts on this hand?
♠ 9 5
♥ A Q J 4
♦ K J
♣ K Q J 6 3
♦ Q 7 6 3 ♠ A J 4 2
♥ 3 ♣ K 8 7
♦ 9 7 5 3 2 ♠ A Q 6 4
♠ 8 7 2 ♠ 9 4

The "Rule of Eleven" dates to the days of whist, and is used in conjunction with the best leads. It is a simple mathematical formula that sometimes enables a player to read distribution in all four hands. The rule is simple enough: subtract the pips of the card led from eleven. The result is the number of cards higher than the led in the other three hands. Subtracting the number of cards higher than the one led in his hand and in dummy, third hand determines how many cards are held by declarer. However, declarer can apply this rule to determine how many higher cards are held by the defender to his right.

West leads the three of spades.—H. J. Smith, Orlando, Fla.

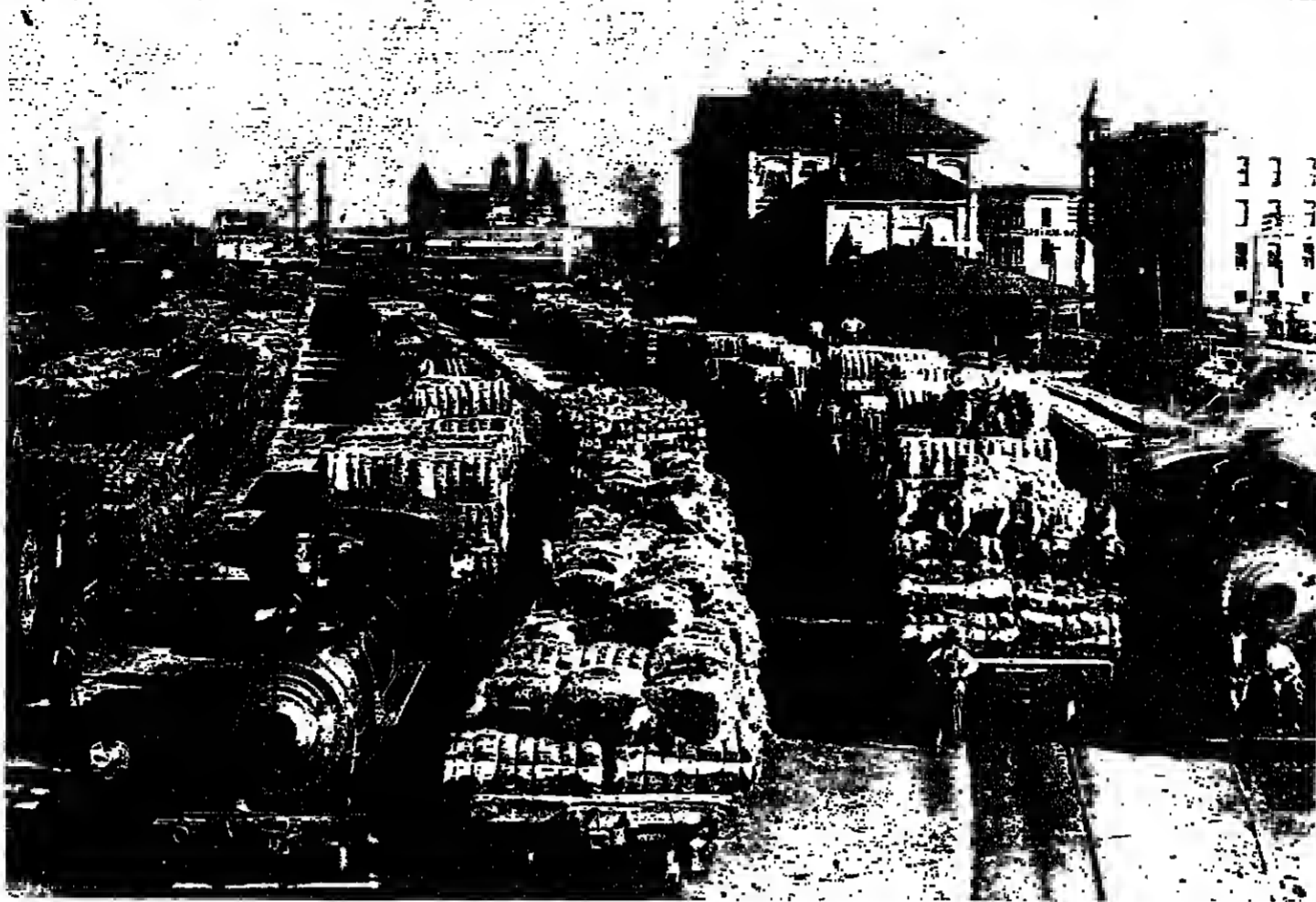
A.—I venture to say that most declarers would make this contract. East would win the ace of spades and return the suit to declarer's king. After losing the trump finesse, declarer will draw trumps when he regains the lead and run clubs for his contract, making an overtrick if East did not cash the ace of diamonds.

An expert defender can defeat the contract. East should realize that it is vital to get his partner back on lead to play a diamond through dummy. The lead of the three of spades marks declarer with exactly three spades. If they are headed by the king-queen, East must hope that his partner has the ace of clubs.

However, East can also beat the contract by playing West for either the king or queen of spades. In that case, he can force an entry to the West hand by following with the jack of spades to the first trick. When in with the king of trumps, East returns a low spade. West can win the queen and shift to diamonds, netting two more tricks for the defense.

Since inserting the jack of spades caters to both possibilities, that play is clearly superior. Now East must determine which black card his partner has as an entry. To do this, he should duck the first round of trumps, allowing partner to make a discard on the second round. When West sheds the deuce of clubs, East knows that the only chance is to find West with the queen of spades. East's trump length and shortness in clubs make these maneuvers completely safe.

THE PAGE FIVE FEATURE PHOTO



RAILROADS played a key role in the industrial and agricultural development of the United States. This picture, from the late 19th century, shows freight cars loaded with cotton in St. Louis, Missouri, railroad yards.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: There is much confusion in your life at this time so organize your time sensibly and do not yield to daydreaming or illusive ideas. Avoid confrontations.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get into credit and business affairs of importance and forget going off on some tangent today that could get you in trouble. Gain the advice of a bigwig for some problem that is difficult for you to solve.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Try to gain the confidence of newcomers now and put unimportant activities aside. Take little trips where you can be inspired anew.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Keep promises made and gain respect and confidence. Show you are conscientious.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Try to cooperate more with associates and you get ahead faster and more pleasantly. Handle some civic matter well and gain prestige.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Make sure you know what allies expect of you and try to please them so there is more harmony and mutual success. Do what you can to improve health. Be clever with money.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Get into amusements you most enjoy and be happy with congenials. Create more harmony at home with kin. Put finest talents to work.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan what should be done so that home situation can be easier and more pleasant, comfortable. Find some new interest that will bring in a handsome profit. Think constructively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Good planning at this time will see you accomplishing a good deal in days to come, with good chances to advance. Gain support of close ties and good friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Find out what your true financial status is and then make arrangements and changes that are necessary. Listen to what a money expert has to suggest, also. Be careful of way-out ideas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Try to improve your life in some way by being more optimistic and practical. Make any changes that are needed. Plan some amusement in the evening that will really please you. Be careful in the expenditure of money.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Look for ways that will make life better and more satisfying. Be with a loved one as much as possible and be happy. Attend social functions.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Contact a good friend with more experience to your own and get good advice you need. Attend social functions later where you can make new friends, make a good impression on others.

See how the rule works in dummy.

Dummy ♠ 8 8 8

A 1072

If your partner leads six of a suit and you can see the above cards in dummy, you can win the hand by subtracting 6 from 11 to determine that there are five cards higher than dummy, your hand has two in dummy and three in your hand. Therefore, declarer has no card higher than you can win the trick as easily as possible by simply any card dummy plays, you know declarer has no card higher than you.

The "Rule of Eleven" could give you a trick in this instance. If you may rise with the 10 of hearts, declarer plays from the 10 of hearts. Declarer could then lead the 10 of hearts at a later stage in the hand.

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PEANUTS

YOU'RE THE COACH OF THIS STUPID TEAM!!
WE CAN'T PLAY THEM!! THEY'RE TOO LITTLE! WE'D STEP ON THEM!!
ARE THESE PEOPLE YOUR FRIENDS, CHARLES?
I GUESS SO...
THEIR RUDENESS MATCHES THEIR SIZE!
WHAT DID HE SAY?

ACROSSWORD PUZZLE

30. Talking wildly
33. Uncle Sam
34. You and I
35. Dapper
36. Concede
39. Niotic Negro
41. Stamp of approval
42. Munch
45. Simple wind instrument

SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1. Bark cloth
2. Patron saint of lawyers
3. Way
4. Danish Ford
5. Suffice
6. Movable part of a loom
7. Harp in Italy
8. Savant
9. Chinese
10. As written in music
11. Article
12. Heart
13. Profit
14. Gourmets
15. Tar Heel State; abbr.
16. Refreshing moisture
17. Identical
18. Killer whale
19. Cheer
20. Dismantled ship
21. Countenance
22. Jimmy Carter's home State
23. Eye-infesting worm
24. Entwine
25. Oven
26. Celebes ox
27. Turnover
28. Bone
29. Rotating piece
30. American humorist
31. Persian gateway
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MUTT AND JEFF

In non-aligned movement meet Cuba attacks South African policy, refrains from mentioning Zaire

NEW DELHI, April 8 (AFP). — Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmuerta Peoli delivered a militant address on Southern Africa to the meeting here of the non-aligned movement's co-ordinating bureau, but refrained from mentioning Cuba's dispute with Zaire.

Other major speeches at today's session came from Iraqi Minister of State Hamed Alwan, who warned delegates against internal quarrels that weakened the movement, and from Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam who spoke at length on Syria's intervention in Lebanon.

Mr. Peoli made no mention of the break in relations between his country and Zaire this week after the Zaire government accused Cuba of supporting a month-old rebellion in southern Zaire.

He said U.S. support for the South African government threatened the security and independence of countries in the region.

The United States, France and West Germany wanted to ensure that the Cape of Good Hope remained in safe hands, he added.

He criticised the collaboration between the apartheid regime in South Africa and Western countries.

Mr. Peoli reiterated Cuba's support for independence movements in the French territory of the Azores and the Isas, the Western Sahara, Timor and the Comoro Islands.

He also restated Cuba's longstanding complaints about the United States' Trade embargo

against Cuba and the maintenance of a U.S. naval base on the island of Guantanamo.

The embargo must be lifted before negotiations could start between the United States and Cuba aimed at normalising relations, the minister added.

He concluded by inviting non-aligned countries to take a firm line in all international forums and called on oil-producing countries in the group to help the other members.

The Iraqi delegate pointed out that the movement's credibility was damaged by internal squabbling among members and said some of the resolutions passed during last August's non-aligned summit in Colombo were unrealistic or of a minor nature and others could never be applied.

The Colombo conference did not pay enough attention to the movement's internal difficulties, he said.

Countries in the group should follow the example of the oil states and form associations of producers of other raw materials, Mr. Alwan said.

Syrian Foreign Minister Khaddam referred to the serious and explosive situation in the Middle East, the rights of the Palestinians and what he said was a plot against the Arab nation, the Palestinian cause and the unity of Lebanon.

"That is why we have been forced to resort to military means to pacify the situation in that country," he went on.

The final speaker at the session was Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Duy Trinh, who said his government would

continue to negotiate with the United States "on a legal basis" taking account of the Paris agreements which ended U.S. involvement in Vietnam.

The Bangladesh representative had earlier suggested the creation of a task force to try to solve economic problems in the group on a regional basis.

The meeting's special committees were today continuing their deliberations and sources said several amendments had been proposed to the moderately-toned draft final declaration published yesterday.

Foreign ministers assigned to prepare for the sixth non-aligned summit conference in Havana will meet in August or September in Belgrade, a diplomatic source disclosed.

It was decided to hold the preparatory meeting in Yugoslavia after Mozambique withdrew as a candidate to be the host country, the source said.

Carter names ambassadors to 11 nations

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — U.S. President Carter yesterday named ambassadors to 11 countries including Japan and Britain but remained silent on the status of the U.S. ambassador to Moscow.

Former Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield is to be ambassador to Japan.

Other nominees included Dr. Kingman Brewster, President of Yale University, as Ambassador to Britain, and Mr. Samuel Lewis, a former senior State Department official, as ambassador to Israel.

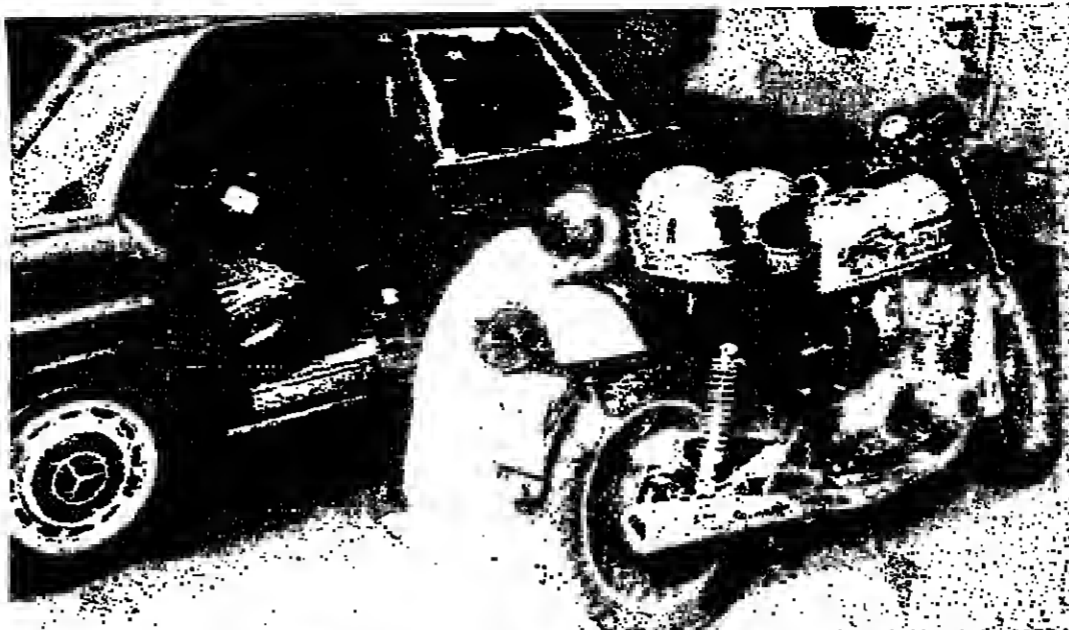
Other new envoys nominated by Mr. Carter were for Australia, India, Pakistan, Belgium, Kenya and the Seychelles, Iran and Mexico.

All nominations are subject to Senate confirmation.

Mr. Carter did not indicate whether Mr. Malcolm Toon, now ambassador to the Soviet Union, would remain in that post or would be succeeded by another envoy.

Most of the nominees are highly experienced as diplomats or administrators.

Mr. Mansfield, an expert on Japan and the Far East, has stated repeatedly that Japan is a pillar in U.S. foreign policy. He is taking over the Tokyo post at a time of some strain over Japan's massive trade surplus.



INVESTIGATING — An expert investigates a motorcycle from which assassins fired a sub-machinegun at West German Federal Prosecutor Siegfried Buback Thursday morning. Herr Buback's car appears alongside the assassins' motorcycle with their helmets on its seat. The picture was taken at the Federal Office of Investigation in Wiesbaden Friday.

W. GERMANY LAUNCHES NATIONWIDE HUNT FOR BUBACK'S KILLERS

KARLSRUHE, West Germany, April 8 (R). — A nationwide hunt was in full swing today for the killers of federal prosecutor Siegfried Buback, the man who indicted the Baader-Meinhof urban guerrilla leaders.

Police today named three men they want to question in connection with the assassination.

The Federal Prosecution Office and the Federal Police Headquarters said Gueter Sonnenberg, 22, Christian Klar, 24, and Knut Folkerts, 25, were being sought by police.

The three, suspected of being violent anarchists, were already on the wanted list for other crimes.

Today's police statement said the strongest suspicions were centred on Sonnenberg. He and Klar were suspected of shooting a border official at the West German-Swiss frontier on Jan. 5 when they were stopped for a check.

One man detained last night was later released after questioning. He had been riding a motorbike similar to the Japanese-built type used in the shooting.

Interpol was also alerted in the hunt for the killers.

Herr Buback, 57, was assassinated while being driven to work yesterday morning. The pillbox passenger on a motor-cycle fired a burst of sub-machinegun fire into his limousine while it waited at traffic lights near his office here.

The prosecutor and his driver died immediately. A bodyguard travelling with them was seriously wounded.

Police and paramilitary border guards began a hunt through the whole country including border crossing points, where the heavy easter holiday traffic was delayed and at civil airports.

Police sources said the search had been concentrated on the Karlsruhe area, with a close watch ordered on the homes and meeting places of anarchists and extremists.

The Japanese motorcycle which the killers used was later found abandoned behind the pillar of an autobahn bridge just outside Karlsruhe. The hired 750-CC machine had been fitted with false number plates.

A special government crisis squad, led by Foreign Minister Hans-Diethrich Genscher, met in Bonn to discuss the case and later announced a reward of 200,000 marks (\$50,000) for information leading to the arrest of the killers.

Police sources said the killers were believed to be members or associated of the Baader-Meinhof urban guerrilla group, five of whose alleged leaders went on trial in Stuttgart two years ago under an indictment supervised by Herr Buback.

Italian police investigate bomb attack

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Nobody was hurt in the explosion, and Signor Cossiga was elsewhere in a cabinet meeting at the time.

Police have found no firm evidence to connect the kidnapping with yesterday's bomb attack.

Eritreans seize 3 towns in 2 weeks

KHARTOUM, April 8 (AFP). — Secessionist guerrillas have seized another northern Eritrean town from Ethiopian forces, the town to fall to them in the troubled Red Sea province in two weeks, it was reported here today.

The daily Al Ayyam said the town of Asaquet in Eritrea's Sahel district bordering Sudan fell to the Eritrean People's Liberation Forces (EPLF) on Tuesday night, only two weeks after the guerrillas seized the important centre of Nakfa.

Al Ayyam reported three days ago the fall of Tesenai, a defeat which would cost Ethiopia the loss of \$16 million worth of crops produced in that area each year.

The battle has now begun for Keren, the main town in northern Asmara, midway bet-

ween the Sudanese border from where the guerrillas operate and Asmara, the province's capital, the paper said, quoting reports reaching Port Sudan.

The paper's source in the Eritrean Liberation Army stated that the fall of Tesenai to the Eritreans ended Ethiopia's political presence throughout the Eritrean-Sudanese border area.

Meanwhile, the Sudanese News Agency (SUNA) today reported that the Eritrean town of Metemma in Begemdir province on Sudan's eastern border fell on Tuesday to forces of the opposition Ethiopian Democratic Union, a London-based movement fighting the rule of the Derge, Ethiopia's leftist Provisional Military Administrative Council.

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100,000 southern Lebanese leave their homes

BINT JBEIL, Lebanon, April 8 (R). — More than four months of intermittent shelling and rocketing have reduced this once thriving market place to a ghost town abandoned by its civilian population.

Since last November, the population of Bint Jbeil has shrunk from about 35,000 to 2,000, according to local military commanders.

The departure of civilians from this major leftist Palestinian stronghold is part of a vast exodus from the sensitive Lebanese south, where the Palestinian commandos and their leftist Lebanese allies have now launched what appears to be a major offensive against Israeli supported rightists.

According to leftwing estimates in Beirut, about 100,000 civilians have been driven from their homes by ground fighting and artillery duels during the last two months.

The civil war in the south continued unabated after troops of a 30,000 strong Arab League peace force made up mainly of Syrian soldiers entered key combat zones in other parts of the country and ended the bloodshed.

But the peace keepers have not so far deployed in the south across the River Litani, understood to form the "red line" beyond which Israel has said it would not allow any non-Lebanese Arab forces. Gaping holes torn into Bint Jbeil's empty houses by 105 and 120 mm shells fired from rightist positions further north and Israeli batteries across the border underline the plight of a region which enjoyed a measure of peace through much of the 19 month civil war.

"We are coming under artillery attack two to three times a week," said commander Jihad of Fateh, the largest Palestinian commando group. Fateh forms the backbone of military forces in the area.

The shelling has emptied Bint Jbeil's once bustling streets as civilians shuttered their homes and left for safer areas.

Although there are only about 400 families left in Bint Jbeil the exodus continues. Cars and trucks piled high with bedsteads and personal belongings are a common sight on the road snaking up from the southern port of Tyre through barshi mountains.

But among the few who have decided to remain, morale is said to be high. "There was dancing in the main square on Wednesday when news reached here of the fall of Taybeh to our forces," commander Jihad said.

Taybeh, 18 kms north of here, was overrun by the right last week and recaptured in savage hand-to-hand combat.

Earlier this week the exodus of civilians from the Bint Jbeil area gained fresh momentum when the right assaulted the nearby village of Aytaroun in an unsuccessful offensive.

But local commanders here say Bint Jbeil itself was never in danger.

Leftwing and Palestinian groups defending the Moslem town range from Lebanese communists and supporters of the Iraqi Baath Party to mil-

Bhutto studies "fresh proposals" to break deadlock with PNA

ISLAMABAD, April 8 (AFP). — Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto is considering "fresh proposals" of a veteran opposition politician to break the deadlock between the government and the nine party opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA), officials said today.

The proposals came from Maulana Abd Aala Maudoodi, founder of the "Jamaat-ul-Islami", a major component of the opposition coalition. Maulana Maudoodi had suggested that Mr. Bhutto lift the six year old emergency and release political prisoners to create a "congenial atmosphere" for a dialogue between the opposition and the government.

Significantly, the Maulana did not call for immediate fresh elections which has been the main pre-condition of the PNA for entering into any parleys with Mr. Bhutto.

According to officials here, the proposals were being given "due consideration" by the government.

However observers noted that the acting president of the alliance, Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, has already made it clear at a press conference that Maulana Maudoodi was "speaking for himself and had not consulted the PNA leadership before putting forward his ideas".

Mr. Nasrullah said "the PNA will continue its struggle till its demands for resignation of Prime Minister Bhutto and fresh general elections are accepted".

Informed sources said Maulana Maudoodi made his suggestions after meetings with emissaries sent by Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Prime Minister Bhutto the opposition leaders in a fortnight ago when they rejected his repeated offers vowing them to talk with him on "any subject but organization of new elections".

While Mr. Bhutto is going ahead with the installation of the newly elected institution, he has said he was still "keeping the doors open for a dialogue".

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3 Bhutto members split ranks to form own party

LAHORE, Pakistan, April 8 (R). — Three former parliamentarians of the ruling Pakistan Peoples Party today announced they were leaving it to form a new party.

The announcement came three hours after Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto con-ferred with reporters that some of his party members were unhappy, but he blamed this on some disappointment at defeat in the polls or non-inclusion in his cabinet.

Mr. Bhutto also said that he accepted opposition calls for a new general election would be taken as confirmation of a triumph that he had rigged the controversial March 7 polls with his party's win.

The three former M.P.s announced the new party news conference here were named Raza Kasuri, Hamid Yousaf and Fiza Hasan. With the support of Taj Mohammad Lang, Deputy Secretary General of the Punjab Provincial Peoples Party.

They said the new party would be known as the Pakistan Awami Jamhoori Party (Pakistan Peoples Democratic Party).

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ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS NEWS

Non-aligned nations warn against CIEC failure

NEW DELHI, April 8 (AFP). — The non-aligned countries are of the view that failure of the Paris Conference on International Economic Cooperation (CIEC) might lead to "serious repercussions" on the relations between the developed and developing countries.

A draft report, submitted to the conference of foreign ministers of non-aligned coordinating bureau, proposes that an initiative be taken by the non-aligned movement to take into account the current trends and international economic negotiations, to elaborate a strategy for the third development decade. The bureau emphasises that "a framework should be drawn up taking into account the longer-term needs of developing countries for the establishment of the new international economic order."

The document, says that developing countries continue to face "an acute crisis" both with regard to the attainment and maintenance of minimal living standards of their peoples and their prospects of development. There has been practically no change in this situation during the period since the Colombo summit.

"While the economies of developed countries are showing signs of recovery, developing countries continue to face adverse circumstances, both as regards their external trade and their growth prospects. The inequalities and imbalances in the international economic structure and the widening gap between developed and developing countries remain unchanged," it said.

The draft says that the anti-inflationary measures taken by the developed countries have only worsened the plight of the developing countries. It has resulted in the continued payment of higher prices by the latter for their imports while their own exports earnings are hit by the lack of rise in demand in the developed countries. In addition non-tariff barriers are imposed against their exports by developed countries, apart from intensifying similar other restrictions.

It blames the developed countries for the lack of progress at the Paris conference on economic cooperation. This was due to the failure of developed countries to respond "positively to the concrete proposals" submitted by the developing countries, the draft declared.

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YUGOSLAVIA BANS TRADE WITH CERTAIN FOREIGN COMPANIES

BELGRADE, April 7 (AFP). — Yugoslavia today announced a ban on Yugoslav firms trading with foreign companies owned or run by Yugoslav "political emigres".

The move was aimed at stopping economic corruption and wastage in the country's trade with foreign countries. The Belgrade daily Novosti said today that it particularly affected Belgrade firms which have some 660 offices or agencies abroad -- 88 per cent which were in Western countries.

Meanwhile, in a report on a seminar on criminality being held in Cavtat on the Adriatic coast, the Yugoslav Agency Tanjug said that in the last two years there had been 200 cases of illicit economic dealings.

In these illegalities 300 Yugoslav companies and 45 banks which trade with 1,200 foreign firms and 29 banks had been implicated, Tanjug said, quoting Interior Vice Minister Ilija Jovicic.

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ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

KHARTOUM, April 8 (R). — The Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa has granted Rwanda a loan of \$5 million to finance a five-year rural development programme. It was announced here. The loan agreement was signed here today by the Rwandese Planning Minister, Mr. Jean Chrysostome Nduhungirhe, and the president of the bank, Dr. Chedly Ayari.

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — Wholesale prices in the United States rose 1.1 per cent in March, the sharpest monthly increase since October 1975, the Labour Department reported yesterday. The rise followed February's 0.9 per cent jump and translates into an annual rate of increase of 13.3 per cent. Food and fuel prices led the upsurge, as America's harsh winter weather continued to take its economic toll.

VIENNA, April 8 (R). — Austrian import duties on tropical products from some 100 developing countries are to be lifted or drastically cut from July 1 under a draft law before parliament. The changes would affect 17 various spices, tinned fruits, ground coffee, coconuts, cocoa beans, almonds, fruit juices and certain types of mussels and fish. The import concessions come within the framework of proposals put forward at GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) talks in Tokyo starting in 1975.

MOSCOW, April 8 (AFP). — Cuba will this year start building its first nuclear power station, rated 1,700 megawatts, with assistance from Soviet engineers, Tass news agency said today. The Agency reported that the East European Economic Community, Comecon, of which Cuba is a member, will have a total nuclear power capacity of around 30,000 megawatts by the year 1980.

NEW DELHI, April 8 (AFP). — India and Pakistan hope to expand their trade as a result of talks starting here on Monday, it was officially announced today. Diversification will be a main theme at these official talks. Trade was resumed in January 1975 after an agreement in Islamabad.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

KUWAIT, April 8 (AFP). — Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are trying to settle the delimitation of their maritime frontiers, the Kuwaiti daily Al Watan reported today.

CAIRO, April 8 (R). — British Foreign Minister Dr. David Owen is scheduled to visit Egypt April 26 for talks on the Middle East crisis and the role of the European Community when Geneva peace conference reconvenes, the semi-official newspaper Al Ahram reported today.

WASHINGTON, April 8 (R). — Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin met Secretary of State Cyrus Vance here yesterday for the first discussions since Mr. Vance's inconclusive talks in Moscow on strategic arms limitation last week.

VIENNA, April 8 (R). — Turkish-Cypriot negotiator Umit Onan left for London today after week-long discussions here on a future federal government for Cyprus. Mr. Onan said his visit to London was "purely private".

BEIRUT, April 8 (R). — Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdul Hamid Al Baidan left Beirut today for Kuwait for consultations with his government. Informed sources said he would return to Beirut next Tuesday.

TRIPOLI, Libya, April 8 (R). — Five people, one of them an Egyptian, were publicly executed in Benghazi today for "terrorist sabotage" in Benghazi port and city. Libya's Arab Revolutionary News Agency (ARNA) reported.

CAIRO, April 8 (AFP). — The French language Cairo newspaper L'Egyptien said today that Egypt could turn back to the Soviet Union should the United States refuse military aid.

MARKET REPORTS

Since financial markets are closed on Good Friday, the Wall Street and London market reports, as well as the gold price, are not available.

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